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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time, from June 12, 2002 up to and including September 12, 2002, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for filing a Response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2002 in the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$460.00 fee believed to be due and to charge any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448.

Respectfully submitted,

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